for a cut in the supply of other arms to Pakistan; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) to (d) Recommendations have been made recently in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee (SFRC) that no sales of any weapons system more sophisticated, of with a signiffcantlv greater capability than those currently possessed by Pakistan, would be given to that country and no sale of military equipment or technology signilcantly more sophisticated than that currently possessed by Pakistan shall be made available to it unless the US President certified in writing to the Congress that Pakistan h|as provided reliable as surances that it will not produce wea-sons grade nuclear material and that according to verifiable information available to the USA, is not producing any weapons grade material. Prior to making the above mentioned rerfication. the US President would have to give a classified assessment of Pakistan's nuclear programme to the ontrress. Theses are Intitial recommendations made in the SFRC.

Changes in the Board of Dirctors of NTC

453. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of TEX-TILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact composition of Board of Directors of the National Textile Corporation Li mited, New Delhi has undergone certain changes 'recently;

(b) if so. what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that an IAS officer has been inducted into the Board of Directors; and

(d) if so, what are the facts there-of?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Three Funcional Directors of NTC (Holding Co.) have recently completed their tenures. Besides, a new Chairman-cum-Managing Director has joined.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Shri Ajit Singh, lAS (AP-.56) has been appointed as Chairman-cum-Managing Direc tor of National Textile Corporation (Holding Company), New Delhi.

New policy on Garments Exports

459. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have, of late, been considering a new policy on garment exports: if so, what are the major draw-backs in the present garment export policy; and

(b) how these draw-backs are sought to be removed under the new policy?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The Export Entitle bution Policy for Garments is being announ ced every year. The current prolicy was announced in October. 1938 and is working satisfactorily with in ed exports. Further raonalisation of the Policy, if necessary, would be considered at tho time of formulating the Policy for the next year.

Bonded Laboureres in Sngar Mills of Gujarat

460. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGl: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state-

(a) whether Government are aware that more than *a* lakh persons are being kept as bonded labourers

in the sugar mills of Gujarat; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken to get them released and to ensur- that they get at least the minimum wages fixed for them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THI: MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A SANGMA): (al and (b) Information is being collected from the Gujarat Government and will be laid on the Table of the House on its reccipt.of panchmarhi

Amarkantak as Tourist Centres

461. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will th,. Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to develop Panchmarhi and Amar-ak in Madhya Pradesh as centres of tourist attraction;

b) if so, what are the plans for their development; and

(c) what financial assistance is likely to be given to the State Government for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) to (c) The Central Ministry of Tourism gives financial assistance to States on the basis of proposals received from the State Governments. The Ministry has not received any pro-from the Government of Madhya Pradesh for development of Panchmarhi and Amarkantak. However, a Yatrika has been constructed at Amarkantak by the Bhartiya Yatri Avas Vikas Samiti.

Setting up of National Environment Protection Authority

462. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to set up a National Environment Protection Authority (NEP'A) in the country.

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be set up; and

(c) to what extent the Authority will be able to implement environ mental protection laws effectively?

THE MINTSTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) to (c) A proposal to set up an' Environment Protection Authority is under consideration of the Government Details of the:

proposed authority are being worked out.

Opening of new spinning units in Gujarat

463. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that, as per the present policy, new spinning units are not allowed in Gujarat in the districts other than class 'A' backward districts; if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is a fact that Dang is the only Class 'A' backward dis-trict in Gujarat and that no such industry is possible in Dang district as this is a totally forest district;

(c) whether it is a fact that du ring 1982-84, 232 new spinning units were allowed in the country and that